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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. GUNDERSON].

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 29, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable STEVE GUNDERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O gracious God, from whom comes every good gift, we thank You today for the gifts of our past, those moments in our history when justice flowed down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream. We are grateful that women and men from the years of our birth have been models of character and stood for truth. May their witness in their day encourage our witness in our day and may their commitment to justice encourage each of us to that same commitment, an obligation and duty that inspires and makes whole, a responsibility that blesses and gives life. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of order of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Washington [Mr. NETHERCUTT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NETHERCUTT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1561), an act to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for U.S. foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the interest of time, the Chair will receive five 1-minute speeches from each side.

Further 1-minutes will be allowed at the conclusion of legislative business for the day.

### ONE GREAT LEGISLATIVE DAY

(Mr. GINGRICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, let me say I just wanted to remind our Members, because we were so busy yesterday and it may not have been obvious, how much we got done in 1 day.

In 1 day this House sent to the President a landmark freedom-to-farm bill which revises 60 years and provides reform for a 60-year-old program.

We sent to the President a historic line-item veto bill which Presidents, beginning with Grant in the 1860's, requested from the Congress, and for the first time we passed it to send to the President.

We sent to the President an earnings limit increase for senior citizens so they could work without being punished by the Social Security Administration taking money away from them, something which every senior citizens' group has supported and which encourages people to stay active and be healthy.

We sent to the President real regulatory relief to help small businesses create jobs, helping the economy and reducing the amount of unnecessary redtape in this society.

We passed health care reforms to end job lock and make health care more affordable, the Health Coverage Affordability Act of 1996, which dramatically increases the ability to change jobs without worrying about preconditions,

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